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**Message:**

Examiner Shiferaw:

As discussed, please see the attached Interview Request form and call me at (312) 923-2657 should you have any questions. I look forward to discussing this matter with you on the 31st.

Mark Vrla

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/833,005 First Named Applicant: Douglas A. Hardy  
 Examiner: Eleni Shiferaw Art Unit: 2136 Status of Application: Finally rejected

## Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Shiferaw (2) Mark P. Vrla (Applicant's Attorney)  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: October 31, 2006 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Cl. 1, 11</u>	<u>Art Chou Torrubia-Saez</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:  
See Attachment A

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Mark P. Vrla

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

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**ATTACHMENT A**

Chou teaches nothing about the key used for encryption; Chou's generates a first key portion generated in the user's computer, *i.e.*, the hardware product where the software product is to be used; Chou's first key portion is based on information specific to identifying the user's computer; Applicant's invention generates the first key portion apart from the hardware product where the software product is to be used, and such first key portion is independent of characteristics specific to that computer.

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